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SUBJ GATT TEXTILES TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP MEETING

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1. MEETING GATT TEXTILES TECHNICAL SUB-GROUP (STATISTICS)
WAS CONVENED MORNING APRIL 30 BY GATT DEPUTY DIRGEN
PATTERSON. SUB-GROUP CONCLUDED DISCUSSIONS AFTERNOON
MAY 1 AND ADJOURNED UNTIL JUNE 5 WHEN GROUP WILL BE
RECONVENED.

2. SUB-GROUP ADOPTED REF A AS AGENDA AND DISCUSSIONS
CENTERED ON FEASIBILITY USING SITC REV 2 AS BASIC
CLASSIFICATION GUIDE FOR ALL CONTINUING REPORTING TO TC.
MOST DELS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE SUBMIT
STATISTICAL DATA THIS BASIS BUT SEVERAL WERE UNSURE AS
TO NUMBER DIGITS THEY COULD COVER IN SUCH REPORTING.
USDEL POINTED OUT OUR INABILITY PROVIDE DATA ON SITC
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BASIS AND MADE STRONG PITCH FOR CONTINUATION

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOLLOWED IN REPORTING UNDER LTA
SIMPLY EXPANDED COVER WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES.
AS WE EXPECTED, US WAS COMPLETELY ISOLATED IN THIS POSITION.
IN SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH SECRETARIAT STATISTICAL
PERSONNEL AND IN INFORMAL TALKS OTHER DELS, US AGREED
TO STUDY PROBLEM FURTHER IN ORDER ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT
POSSIBLE DEVISE CORRELATION BRIDGE BETWEEN US SYSTEM
AND SITC.

3. AS REGARDS PARAS D, E AND F OF REF A DEALING WITH
PROPOSALS FOR STATISTICAL REPORTING TO TSB, US DEL
SUPPORTED BY EC, JAPAN AND SWITZERLAND TOOK POSITION
THAT QUESTIONS RAISED THESE PARAGRAPHS WERE BEYOND
COMPETENCE SUB-GROUP AND THAT THIS TYPE REPORTING COULD
ONLY BE ON AD HOC BASIS AND ONLY AT REQUEST OF TSB.
SUB-GROUP AGREED THIS POSITION CORRECT THUS PUTTING
TO REST CONCERN (PARA 9 REF B) OVER ATTEMPT CONSTRUCT
STATISTICAL FORMULA TO DETERMINE EXISTENCE STATE OF
MARKET DISRUPTION. US DEL BELIEVES SECRETARIAT WAS
PUSHED INTO THIS PROPOSAL BY HONG KONG, KOREA AND
SOME OTHER LDCS. AT END OF DISCUSSION HONG KONG DEL
ABANDONED POSITION AND KOREA DEL REMAINED SILENT ON
ISSUE.

4. IN MATTER PROVISION ON CONTINUING BASIS CURRENT
PRODUCTION STATISTICS, ALL DELS FOUND DIFFICULTY IN
APPAREL AND MADE-UP AREA. EC DEL REPORTED THAT
COMMISSION WAS PUSHING MEMBER STATES TO PROVIDE DATE
ON PRODUCTION IN LIMITED RANGE APPAREL ITEMS FROM WHICH
PROJECTIONS ON GENERAL STATE PRODUCTION IN WHOLE APPAREL
SECTOR COULD BE MADE. US DEL HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH LIST
THESE ITEMS AND UPON RETURN WASHINGTON WILL EXAMINE
FEASIBILITY SIMILAR EFFORT BY US.DALE

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